MINUTES OF

THE ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE COUNCIL OF THE

DOMINION ALLIANCE.

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TORONTO, Thursday, September 12, 1889.

Pursuant to call the Council of the Dominion Alliance was convened in Richmond Hall, Richmond St. West, at 10 a. m., the President Hon. A. Vidal in the chair.

The meeting was opened with prayer led by Rev. Dr. Potts.

The President appointed the following committee on organization: Messrs. J. R. Dougall, George D. Baker, Rev. J. Bell, J. M. Carson and F. S. Spence.

The President delivered a brief address, outlining the history of the events that had led to the calling of the present Convention.

Mr. J. J. Maclaren presented the following :—

Report of the Executive Committee.

TORONTO, September 12th, 1889.

To the Annual Convention of the Council of the Dominion Alliance:

1. The present Convention is the first meeting of the Council of the Dominion Alliance, upon the basis suggested at the Montreal Prohibition Convention of 1888, and adopted by the Council of the Alliance at Ottawa, in February last. Letters were written to the different Synods, Conferences, Unions and other Ecclesiastical Or-

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ganizations of the Dominion, also to the various Provincial Temperance Societies, asking for the appointment of representatives to the present meeting, in accordanee with Clause 3 of our Constitution. The response to these letters has been very encouraging. Replies have been received from about forty of the organizations named, and delegates have been appointed to such an extent that a meeting is expected of a thoroughly representative character. The correspondence which has grown out of the announcement of this meeting, has made it clear that such an organization as the present is very desirable, and fills a needed want in the moral reform work of our country. It is hoped that the Council of the Dominion Alliance will be a permanent organization, uniting workers of all creeds, and on all lines, in consultation for the common end of the suppression of that terrible curse, the traffic in intoxicating beverages.

The Present Meeting.

2. In all probability delegates are present of whose appointment we have not been officially informed; we have however received notice of the appointment of representatives from the Dioceses of Huron and Montreal of the Church of England; The Reformed Episcopal Church of Canada; The Congregational Union of Ontario and Quebec; The Evangelical Association of North America; The Niagara, London, Bay of Quinte, Guelph, Toronto and Montreal Methodist Conferences; The African Methodist Episcopal Church; The Universalist Church Committee of Fellowship; The Baptist Union of the Maritime Provinces; Ontario Grand Division Sons of Temperance; Ontario, Quebec and British Columbia Grand Lodges of Good Templars; Ontario and Quebec Grand Councils of Royal Templars; Ontario Provincial W.C.T.U.; and Ontario, Quebec and Manitoba Branches of the Dominion Alliance. Many letters expressing sympathy with our work were received from bodies that did not elect delegates. We shall probably have the co-operation of some of these bodies at future meetings.

Progress of Sentiment.

3. Although the present year has not so far been marked by any advance in the enactment or application of prohibitory legislation in the older provinces of the Dominion, we have substantial evidence of the steady progress of public sentiment in favor of the temper-

ance reform. In this connection we may notice the general and substantial increase in the membership of the different temperance societies, and the remarkably strong and emphatic utterances in favor of total prohibition by different ecclesiastical organizations. We have also much pleasure in referring to the wonderful success that has been achieved for the principle of Local Option in the Province of Manitoba, the license law of which province makes special provision for popular restriction and suppression of the liquor traffic. Of 102 Municipalities in the province the retail traffic is now absolutely prohibited in no less than 79.

The Scott Act.

4. The Scott Act has been repealed in every county and city in the province of Ontario in which it was in operation. This seeming defeat is not, we believe, to be attributed to any decrease of public sentiment in favor of the principle of prohibition, nor is it evidence that the Scott Act is not a law deserving of general support. It was brought about mainly by public dissatisfaction with the failure of the authorities to enforce the law, combined with unfortunate political complications which led to earnest work for repeal on the part of men who were more anxious for the success of party than for the triumph of principle.

Prohibition in Parliament.

5. The prohibition resolution approved by this Council was again voted upon in the House of Commons, at its last session. This resolution is as follows :

"That in the opinion of this House it is expedient to prohibit the manufacture, sale and importation of intoxicating liquors, except for sacramental, medicinal, scientific and mechanical purposes. That the enforcement of such prohibition, and such manufacture, importation and sale as may be allowed shall be by the Dominion Government, through specially appointed officers."

An amendment was offered by Mr. Wood of Brockville, proposing to strike out all the words after "purposes" and insert the following :—

"When the public sentiment of the country is ripe for the reception and enforcement of such a measure of prohibition."

This amendment was adopted by a vote of 99 to 59. The question before the House was almost identical with that voted upon in

1884, when the vote against immediate prohibition was 107 to 55. It is worthy of note, however, that whereas the amended resolution declaring in favor of the principle of prohibition was adopted in 1884 by a vote of 122 to 40, this same declaration was made at the last session of the House of Commons by a unanimous vote, no division being asked for on the question.

Electoral Action.

6. Practically nothing has been done on the line of Electoral work since the meeting held at Ottawa, because of no election being held. As, however, there will be general elections, both National and Provincial, in the near future, it is of the highest importance that the Alliance Electoral platform should be carried out so as to make our cause stronger in the different legislative bodies. A necessity towards securing this result is the thorough organization of our workers in every electoral district.

Local Prohibition.

7. The aim of the Alliance is Total National Prohibition. We nevertheless rejoice in every step of progress and every measure of legislation that restricts or curtails the liquor traffic. The principle of Local Option is in much favor with our Canadian communities. The Scott Act is very largely in operation in the Maritime Provinces. In parts of these Provinces not under the Scott Act, also in Quebec, and more notably still as already mentioned in Manitoba, Local Option provisions embodied in so-called License Laws, have enabled temperance workers to secure, in many cases, a total suppression, and in others, a very close restriction of the retail sale of intoxicating liquor. We regret to have to notice that the wealthy, populous and progressive Province of Ontario is, in this respect, far behind every other Province of the Dominion, with the exception of British Columbia.

Law Enforcement.

8. Our workers are coming to learn that legislation is not always prohibition, and that for the success of our cause there must be organization, education, and effort on the line of law enforcement. Too much attention cannot be given to this important matter. Only where there is thorough enforcement, as well as good legislation, is it true that prohibition actually prohibits.

Legislative Assembly Work.

9. Our cause is making progress in the Dominion Parliament largely because our friends in the Dominion House of Commons are organized. More progress would be made in securing Provincial legislation if we had also a non-partizan prohibition caucus in connection with every Local Legislature. Our friends who are representatives would then have better opportunities for understanding each other and working unitedly towards securing the enactment and enforcement of such prohibition as is within the competence of the different Provincial Legislatures.

Recommendations.

10. In view of the facts set out, and the position of our cause, your Executive Committee would respectfuily beg to submit, for your consideration, the following recommendations :—

(1). That the prohibition resolution be again introduced in the House of Commons and pressed to a division, and that the same course be adopted at every session of Parliament until a majority vote is obtained in favor of such a resolution.

(2). That friends of prohibition in every part of the Dominion be requested to agitate, organize, and work in harmony with the principles laid down in the Alliance Electoral Platform.

(3). That our friends in the different Provinces be strongly recommended to exert themselves to the utmost in effort to secure from their respective Local Legislatures all the prohibition, restriction and enforcement possible.

(4). That we earnestly recommend the organization of a Prohibition caucus in connection with every Local Legislature.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN J. MACLAREN,
Chairman Executive Committee.

F. S. SPENCE,
Secretary.

On motion of Rev. Dr. Sutherland, seconded by W. H. Orr, it was ordered that Mr. M. Gibbs be received as a delegate to this Council from the Toronto Reformation Society.

The meeting then received the following

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ORGANIZATION.

The Committee on Organization respectfully recommend

1. "That the following be the officers of this Convention:—

President.....HON. A. VIDAL.
1st Vice-President.....J. R. DOUGALL.
2nd Vice-President.....W. H. HOWLAND.
3rd Vice-President.....HON. J. C. AIKENS.
4th Vice-President.....REV. G. E. DAY, D.D.
Recording Secretary.....J. H. CARSON.
Assistant Secretary.....GEORGE B. SWEETNAM.

2. "That the hours of Session be 9 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.; 2 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.; 7.30 p.m. to adjournment.

3. "That the business be carried on with a view to adjournment to-morrow at noon.

4. "That the following rules of order be adopted:—

"That no person speak longer than ten minutes, or more than once on any motion, provided, however, that the Chairman of any Committee may speak a second time for not longer than five minutes, to close debate on his report. This rule shall not be departed from except by permission of the Convention, which shall be granted or refused without debate.

"That resolutions offered shall be referred to appropriate Committees without debate. The mover of any resolution shall have the right to appear before the Committee to which said resolution is referred, with the privilege of briefly explaining the reasons for submitting the same.

"That all resolutions offered to the Convention be submitted in writing.

5. "That the following be a Committee on Credentials:—J. M. M. Duff, W. H. Orr, and F. S. Spence.

6. "That the following be a Committee on Nominations:—W. W. Buchanan, Rev. W. Galbraith, J. H. Macmullen, F. S. Spence, J. H. Carson, Rev. Dr. Bryce, John A. McAllister, Prof. D. M. Weldon, Dr. C. V. Emory and Thomas Webster.

7. "That the following be a committee on Resolutions:—Rev. J. A. Newnham, J. F. Whitwell, Rev. J. H. Bell, M. S. Begg and Rev. John Shaw, D.D

8. "That the following be a Committee on Legislative Action:—Rev. T. G. Williams, Rev. S. D. Chown, A. C. Steele, W. R. Mulock, J. S. Robertson, Thomas Caswell, Thomas Webster, and Hon. Senator Vidal.

9. "That the following be a Committee on Political Action:—W. H. Howland, William Macpherson, T. M. Edmondson, W. McCraney, Rev. A. C. Courtice, Rev. A. Sutherland, D.D., Robert J. Fleming, W. H. Young, Hon. J. C. Aikins, J. W. Flavelle, Rev. John Potts, J. R. Dougall, W. W. Buchanan, J. J. McLaren, and Rev. Dr. Parker.

10. "That the following be a Committee on Law Enforcement:—J. W. Manning, William Tees, M. B. Jewell, Rev. T. S. Masterson, A. M. Featherston, H. M. Graham, and Rev. J. S. Ross, M. A.

11. "That the following be a Committee on the Constitution of the Alliance:—J. R. Dougall, Rev. W. J. Taylor, Rev. T. R. McNair, J. J. Maclaren, and F. S. Spence.

12. "That the following be a Committee on Finance:—W. H. Orr, J. M. M. Duff and F. S. Spence.

The report was considered clause by clause and finally adopted as a whole.

The Convention then adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Convention reassembled at 2.30, Hon. Mr. Vidal presiding.

The minutes of the forenoon session were read and confirmed.

On motion of Mr. J. M. M. Duff, seconded by Mr. J. W. Manning, the resolution adopted in the forenoon *in re* a representative from the Toronto Reformation Society was rescinded.

The Committee on Credentials reported that the bodies hereinafter named had appointed the delegates named to represent them in this Council:

Congregational Union Ontario and Quebec.—Rev. E. C. W. McColl, Middleville; Rev. J. G. Sanderson, Danville, Que.; Mr. James Jarvis, Ottawa; Mr. R. W. McLachlan, Montreal.

Church of England, Diocese of Huron.—Rev. W. J. Taylor, Mitchell; Rev. W. Johnson, Burford; Rev. C. O'Meara, St. Mary's; Rev. E. C. Sanders, Ingersoll.

Grand Lodge of Quebec, I.O.G.T.—W. H. Lambly, Inverness; R. W. Williams, Three Rivers; J. K. Macdonald, Montreal; E. H. Liversedge, Montreal.

Church of England, Diocese of Montreal.—Rev. J. A. Newnham, Montreal; Rural Dean Lindsay, Montreal; Rural Dean Nye, Bedford; Archdeacon Lindsay, Waterloo.

Evangelical Association of N.A.—Rev. M. L. Wing, Berlin; Rev. Dr. Kreh, New Hamburg.

Grand Council Quebec, R.T. of T.—Rev. Jas. Kines, A. M. Featherston, W. W. Whitwell, A. A. Batcheler.

Ontario Branch of the Dominion Alliance.—Hon. A. Vidal, Sarnia; Rev. W. C. Washington, Caledon; Rev. F. C. Keam, Prince Albert; J. M. Fowke, Oshawa; W. W. Buchanan, Hamilton; W. H. Howland, J. J. Maclaren, F. S. Spence, J. W. Flavelle, Rev. Jno. Potts, D.D., Toronto; Rev. A. C. Courtice, London; Wm. McCraney, Oakville, W. H. Orr, Robert J. Fleming, Rev. W. R. Parker, D.D., Hon. G. W. Ross, Henry O'Hara, H. M. Graham, Geo. B. Sweetnam, John T. Moore, Rev. Alex. Sutherland, D.D., Jacob Spence, Toronto. *Alternates.*—Johnson Harrison, Milton; Malcolm Gibbs, Toronto; M. S. Gray, Laurel; Rev. R. Whillans, Hintonburg; J. H. Flagg, Mitchell; Rev. J. M. A. Spence, Omemee; Platt Hinman, Grafton; Rev. A. B. Demill, Oshawa.

Guelph Methodist Conference.—Thomas Hilliard, Waterloo; Rev. F. E. Nugent, Mitchell; Rev. W. G. Smith, Guelph; Rev. Dr. Gifford, Acton.

Montreal Methodist Conference.—Rev. T. G. Williams, Montreal; Rev. S. D. Chown, Spencerville; Rev. W. Blair, Smith's Falls; Rev. E. D. Lewis, Shannonville.

Bay of Quinte Methodist Conference.—Rev. M. L. Pearson, Peterboro; Rev. W. Johnson, Omemee; W. McPherson, Cannington; O. W. Powell, Cobourg.

African Methodist Episcopal Church.—Rev. Wm. H. Coston, B. D., Chatham; Rev. J. H. Bell, Hamilton; Rev. J. O. Banyoun, Windsor; Rev. J. S. Masterson, Amherstburg.

Toronto Methodist Conference.—Rev. W. Galbraith, M.A., LL.B., 232 Shaw St., Rev. J. W. Hunter, D.D., 29 Alexander St., G. F. Marter, M.P.P., 72 Elm Grove, M. S. Begg, Rev. A. M. Phillips, B.D., 11 Avenue Place, T. M. Edmondson, 38 Brunswick Ave., Toronto.

Grand Lodge I.O.G.T., British Columbia.—John A. McAllister.

R. E. Church in Canada.—Rev. T. W. Campbell, 21 Brunswick Ave., C. C. Witchall, 363 Spadina Ave., Toronto; Rev. T. H. Winfield, E. Botterell, Ottawa.

Grand Division of Ontario, S. of T.—G. M. Rose, Thomas Caswell, J. W. Manning, Toronto; Thomas Webster, Brantford, W. H. Bewell, Whitby.

Baptist Union of Maritime Provinces.—Rev. G. E. Day, D.D., Yarmouth, N.S.; Rev. Prof. D. M. Weldon, Thomas Bengough, Toronto; Rev. H. E. S. Maiden, Brantford.

Niagara Methodist Conference.—Rev. D. L. Brethour, Thorold; Rev. J. S. Ross, M.A., Hamilton, W. H. Young, Oakville; John Mann, Brantford.

Grand Lodge I.O.G.T., Ontario.—J. H. Macmullen, D. Rose, Rev. John Shaw, D.D., J. S. Robertson, Toronto.

Quebec, W.C.T.U.—Mrs. Frenholm, Mrs. Munns, Coaticook.

Manitoba Branch Dominion Alliance.—Hon. J. C. Aikins; W. R. Mulock, Rev. Dr. Bryce, (Manitoba College).

Quebec Branch Dominion Alliance—S. A. Fisher, M.P., Knowlton; J. R. Dougall, J. H. Carson, James Baylis, J. M. M. Duff, Montreal; G. W. Gaden, S. H. Haddock, R. J. Latimer, Wm. Tees, Rev. C. R. Flanders, Rev. H. Myers, M. B. Jewell, G. D. Baker, Dunham; Dr. J. B. McConnell. Rev. W. W. Ryan, Waterloo.

Ontario Province W.C.T.U.—Miss Minnie Phelps, St. Catherines; Mrs. Shaw, Toronto.

Universalist Church Com. of Fellowship.—Rev. W. S. Goodell, Blenheim; Rev. Mrs. Gillette, Bloomfield; J. T. Middleton, Hamilton; J. Collins, Smithville.

Grand Council of Ontario, Royal Templars.—Rev. T. R. McNair, A. C. Steele, C. V. Emory, M.D., Rev. E. D. Lewis.

New Brunswick and P. E. I. Methodist Conference.—Rev. John C. Berrie, Milltown, N.B.; Rev. Thomas Marshall, Rev. George M. Campbell, Rev. Robert S. Crisp.

London Conference, Methodist Church.——Rev. Wm. McDonagh, President Conference; Rev. W. M. Shepherd, Pr. W. Elgin, Inst.; W. H. May, St. Thomas; Rev. Thomas Cosford, London.

On behalf of the Manitoba Branch of the Dominion Alliance, Mr. W. H. Howland presented to Hon. J. C. Aikins a beautifully illuminated and framed address, which read as follows, and to which Ex-Governor Aikins made a suitable reply:

Hon. James Cox Aikens, Lieutenant Governor of Manitoba:

Honorable Sir—

The various Temperance organizations of the City of Winnipeg deem the occasion of your leaving for your Toronto home at the close of your term of office, a fitting time to give expression to our high appreciation of your personal and official worth, and of our gratitude for the influence you have wielded by word and example in the promotion of Temperance principle.

As one of the public men of our Dominion you came to rule over this Province by no means a stranger to our citizens, and acting in accordance with your well recognized principles, you have right nobly chosen to dispense the hospitalities of Government House in such a manner that the whole weight of your personal and social influence has been on the side of sobriety and total abstinence. You could not have resolved upon such a course without the cost. Temperance principles cannot be carried out in high public positions without a sacrifice. Moral heroes in high places are rare, hence they all the more win our admiration and court our respect. We are here, therefore, to-day, to congratulate you on over five years' victory of principle over a custom which during every generation becomes more destructive to individual character and to national prosperity. The precedent which you have thus left to your successors in office is an invaluable heritage, which we pray they may accept and cannot fail in a young and formative Province like Manitoba, but have a most healthy influence on her future history. In making special mention of your example in Temperance, we do not forget that in all other respects you have proven yourself a wise, patriotic and Christian ruler during a critical period of our national and provincial history.

In thus addressing your Honor, we are not unmindful of the joint influence of Mrs. Aikins and your estimable daughters, who with such grace and Christian affability share with yourself the honor and merit of the pure and happy influences which have emanated during your official residence in Winnipeg from Government House.

In conclusion our prayer is that every temporal and spiritual blessing may rest on yourself and family, assuring you that we shall ever cherish happy memories of your residence in Winnipeg, as Lieutenant-Governor of Manitoba.

Dominion Alliance Representatives:

A. A. Cameron, President.
R. D. Rorison, Secretary.
A. H. Ferguson, M.D.

Iudependent Order of Good Templars' Representatives:

Thomas Nixon, P. G. Chief Templar.
Archd. Ferguson, P. G. Treasurer.

Gospel Temperance Union Representatives:

JOHN DAVY, Chairman.
CHAS. LOWE, Secretary.
A. McDIARMID, M.D.

The Scandinavian Temperance Society Representatives:

ANDREW JOHNSON, President.
EMANUEL EHLON, Ex-President.
U. P. PETERSON.

Royal Templars' of Temperance Representatives:

A. McVICAR.
JOHN W. KENNEDY, Past Councillor.
LOFTUS A. MAGUIRE, Grand Secretary.
J. A. McARTHUR, M.D.

Temperance Electoral Union Representatives:

J. W. H. WILSON, President.
JACOB FREEMAN, Vice President.

Blue Ribbon Society Representatives:

FRED'K. COCKBURN, President.
W. D. HOLMAN, Secretary.
THOMAS RYAN.
ALEX. A. TACHE, Archb'p of St. Boniface.

Wesley Church Temperance Society Representative:

J. DOYLE, Pastor.

Rev. J. A. Newnham, from the Committee on Resolutions, recommended the adoption of the following:

"That the Council of this Dominion Alliance rejoices in the measure of success which has attended its efforts to obtain representation from the various religious bodies and Temperance Societies, while it regrets that in some cases and notably in the case of the Presbyterian Church, the invitations to send delegates were issued too late to secure the appointment of delegates this year.

"We recommend with a view to further extension of representation to this Alliance, care be taken as far as possible, to notify these Churches and Societies in sufficient time for proper action.

"That this Council issue an urgent appeal to the Provincial Branches of the Alliance, to proceed as far and as fast as possible in the formation of Branch Alliances in those counties where none at present exist."

The Report was received and adopted.

Mr. W. H. Orr, the Treasurer, presented the following report, which was received and referred to the Finance Committee:

TREASURER'S REPORT.

TORONTO, September 12th, 1889.

Balance on hand February 7th, 1889, as per report made at Ottawa...	$134.59
Feb. 14th, Received from Quebec Alliance	100.00
Total Receipts	$234.59

PAYMENTS.

Feb. 7th, 1889, to caretaker at Ottawa.....	$ 2.00		
Feb. 14th, " the Secretary, as voted.....	100.00		
Sept. 11th, " Apted Bros., printing Report.....	77.10		
Sept. 11th, " Postage & Stationery, etc	8.45		
		$187.55	
Balance on hand at the present time.....			$47.04

Respectfully submitted,

WM. H. ORR, Treasurer.

Hon. J. C. Aikins presented the following report from the Manitoba Branch of the Dominion Alliance :

MANITOBA REPORT.

" In the first part of the year we were much encouraged by getting better and more favorable legislation and appointment of officers favorable to temperance to carry out the act. This encouraged our workers to more zealous labor, which demanded more perfect organization resulting in much gain in reduction of licenses.

The forces of our different temperance societies and churches combined raised the temperance sentiment to a higher plane, instilling noble Christian heroism and self-sacrifice into the ranks heretofore indifferent and weak. As a result from the infusion of these priceless Christian graces, the Alliance scored easy victories when before all was failure. We realize that according to the measure of Christianity manifested in the work so shall our success be.

The result of our work this year has indeed been encouraging, when we consider the lack of interest that was manifested in previous years.

In license year ending May 31st, 1888, we had 130 hotels, 30 wholesale and 7 restaurant licenses. Year ending May 31st, 1889, they were reduced to 104 hotels, 22 wholesale, and 6 restaurant licenses.

Year ending May, 1888, we had 70 hotel and 12 wholesale licenses in the Province, outside of Winnipeg, Portage-la-Prairie and Brandon, against 53 hotel and 8 wholesale licenses year ending May, 1889, a reduction of over 25%. We have 87 rural municipalities of which but 15 had licenses ; and but 9 incorporated towns,&c.,out of 15. We are pleased to inform you that we find the sale of liquor is limited to the extent that licenses are limited, and that prohibition prohibits.

Out of the 88 municipalities, rural and otherwise, in which there are no licenses, we find but 3 in which liquor is sold to speak of, and even in these we are gratified with the results. We are much encouraged by this position, and are constrained to limit the number of licenses at least to as great an extent as last year. We are now pressing local option in several municipalities and are strongly impressed the time has arrived when we should submit it in every municipality in the Province, rural or otherwise.

Should we do so and be successful we will be handicapped with the existence of breaches in local option territory. We would ask the Council to take prompt

action in having breweries in local option districts declared illegal. We deem it a right to say that the manufacturer shall cease to make, as it is our right to say the purchaser shall not sell. We have 6 breweries in our province which would to a great extent retard our speedy limitation of the traffic, and emancipation from the curse. We would therefore ask immediate action in this matter. We have much pleasure in submitting our report and sincerely hope we shall be able to report to the next meeting of the Council almost a Prohibitory Province if not altogether.

We have been much hindered in our work here by the unfortunate repeal of the Scott Act in so many of the counties in Ontario. We greatly desire to hear of our brethren there uniting their forces and recording some glorious victories in the early future which will raise a wave that will sweep the traffic from our fair Dominion. Trusting that the good Lord will lead us to such a victory and that your deliberations there will all tend to that end. We are, Yours Fraternally,

THOMAS NIXON, President. R. D. RORISON, Secretary.

Mr. J, J. Maclaren presented the following :

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION.

" Your Committee have taken into consideration the two recommendations of the report of the Executive Committee specially referred to them.

" The first clause reads as follows:—

1. " That the Prohibition Resolution be again introduced into the House of Commons and pressed to a division, and that the same course be adopted at every Session of Parliament until a majority vote is obtained in favor of such a resolution."

" Your Committe would emphasize the suggestion of the Executive as to the coming session, and would recommend that the resolution be introduced at the earliest practicable period so that it may not be crowded out. We would recommend that the precise form of the resolution be referred to the Standing Committee of the Council on Legislation, and that they consider whether the latter part relating to enforcement should not be omitted.

" Recommendation No. 3 reads as follows:—

3. " That our friends in the different Provinces be strongly recommended to exert themselves to the uttermost, in order to secure from their respective Local Legislatures all the prohibition, restriction and enforcement possible."

" While your Committee would recommend that there be no relaxation of effort on the part of every Prohibitionist to obtain National Prohibition, they think it of the highest importance at the same time that they should aim to secure from the Provincial Legislatures all the measure of Prohibition and restriction that it is within their competency to enact.

" Experience shows that a great diminution of the traffic and its attendant evils may be obtained through the restrictive and prohibitory clauses of the Municipal and License Laws of the several provinces. We would specially refer to the following provisions: In Nova Scotia, the requiring of the consent of two-thirds (⅔) of the rate-payers of a district before a license can be obtained; in Manitoba, the providing that outside the cities and large towns the consent of 16 out of the nearest 20 householders must be obtained; in New Brunswick, that an applicant must secure the written consent of one-third (⅓) of the ratepayers of his district, and that a majority of the district can prevent the issue of a license; in Quebec, that under the Municipal Code the council of any local municipality may pass a prohibitory by-law. Your Committee regret the recent retrograde legislation in the Province of Quebec, whereby the right of private prosecution was taken away, as also the means of curtailing or preventing the issue of licences. Your Committee also deplore the backward state of restrictive legislation in Ontario. We

would especially call attention to the fact that applicants for license are relieved from the burdens, and many of the requirements, imposed upon them in other Provinces; that the people have no power to prevent the issue of a license to a previous holder, and that the power to prohibit the issue of licenses was taken away from the municipal councils and the people a number of years ago and has not yet been restored.

The whole respectfully submitted.

JOHN J. MACLAREN, Chairman.

The Report was considered clause by clause and adopted as a whole.

A Telegram was read from the Free Baptist Conference of Nova Scotia, in session assembled, in the following terms:

BARRINGTON, N. S.

The Free Baptist Conference of Nova Scotia now in session, sends greeting. Our church membersbip pledged to total abstinence. Our voice for war upon the traffic in strong drink under colors to which every true temperance man can conscientiously rally, when the hour strikes. Our aim, peace and sobriety in the heart, the home, and the state, and to hasten the striking of that hour of emancipation.

EDWIN CROWELL.

This communication was referred to the Committee on Resolutions.

The Convention then adjourned.

EVENING SESSION.

The Convention re-asembled at 8 P.M., Senator Vidal presiding.

The minutes of the afternoon session were read and confirmed.

The Committee on Resolutions recommended the adoption of the following:

"That the Council welcomes the greeting sent by the Free Baptist Conference of Nova Scotia, now in session, and that the following answer be sent in token of our reciprocation of their friendly sentiments.

TORONTO, September 12th, 1889.

TO EDWIN CROWELL, Baptist Conference,
Barrington, N. S.

The Council of the Dominion Alliance, now in session, cordially acknowledges the brotherly sen'iments and unanimity of effort shown in your greeting. The hour of emancipation is drawing nearer.

A. VIDAL.
J. H. CARSON."

Mr. J. R. Dougall presented the following report of the Committee on Political Action:

REPORT ON POLITICAL ACTION.

1. That electoral work must necessarily devolve on county organizations representative of all the temperance and religious bodies in each county, which organizations should be county branches of the Alliance. That such county Alliances

should pledge as many voters as possible to support for municipal and parliamentary positions such candidates only as are known and professed prohibitionists, and who will vote and work for the enacting, sustaining, and enforcing of prohibitory legislation. That the County Alliances be held responsible for taking wise and early action in harmony with the principles laid down by the Montreal Convention to secure the selection of candidates such as above described. In view of the fact that many nominations must soon be made, immediate organization of County Branches is strongly urged.

2. That action be taken by the Executive to appeal to all organized friends of prohibition to make every effort to get new voters registered, and to impress upon such that they enter on the exercise of their political rights as prohibitionists.

3. That it is desirable to secure the election to the House of Commons of a number of independent prohibitionists charged with the responsibility of advocating our cause, and that the Executive be instructed to select, in agreement with County organizations a number of favorable constituencies where such candidates shall be nominated and supported under the auspices of the Alliance.

4. That it be a recommendation to each of the provincial branches of the Alliance to appoint a special standing committee of the Alliance, to be known as a Committee on Legislation, composed of members of the Alliance, who shall hold a special meeting at the provincial capital during each session of the Legislature to watch and advise concerning legislation.

The report was taken up clause by clause.

Mr. A. C. Steele moved in amendment to the first clause, "that in the opinion of this Alliance the time has arrived for the formation of a prohibition party for the Dominion of Canada." After some discussion the amendment was withdrawn and the report as presented by the Committee was adopted.

The meeting then adjourned.

SECOND DAY.

SEPTEMBER 13TH, 1889.

The Convention re-opened at 9.45 a.m.

The Minutes of yesterday evening's session were read and confirmed.

The Committee on Nominations presented the following report:

Your Committee on Nominations beg to report the following nominations for officers:—

President	HON. A. VIDAL.	
Corresponding Secretary	F. S. SPENCE.	
Recording Secretary	J. H. CARSON.	
Treasurer	W. H. ORR.	
Vice-Presidents	HON. J. C. AIKINS.	for Ont.
	W. H. HOWLAND.	
	J. R. DOUGALL.	for Que.
	S. A. FISHER, M.P.	

The President and Secretary of the Nova Scotia Provincial Alliance.

do.	do.	New Brunswick	do.
do.	do.	Prince Edw'd Id.	do.
do.	do.	Manitoba	do.
do.	do.	N. W. Territory	do.
do.	do.	British Columbia	do.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

J. J. Maclaren, Q.C.	Rev. A. Sutherland, D.D.	J. S. Robertson,
Rev. John Potts, D.D.,	Thos. Webster,	Dr. C. V. Emory,
Jacob Spence,	J. H. Macmullen,	Rev. T. G. Williams,
A. M. Featherston,	W. W. Buchanan,	James Baylis,
J. W. Manning,	R. J. Fleming,	Rev. A. M. Phillips, B.A.,
Rev. John. A. Newnham,	Wm. Tees,	Rev. Dr. Stone,
Geo. D. Baker,	J. M. M. Duff,	Rev. W. A. Hunter.

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION.

J. R. Dougall,	Rev. A. P. McDairmid,	Rev. W. Scott,
R. C. Smith, B.C.L.,	Hon. J. C. Aikins,	F. S. Spence,
W. H. Howland,	J. J. McLaren,	J. H. Carson.
A. M. Featherston,	Rev. John Wood,	

And members of both Houses of Parliament favorable to Prohibition.

That the fixing of the time and place of next meeting of this Council be left in the hands of the Executive Committee, with the recommendation that the meeting be held at Montreal.

The Report was adopted.

The following resolution was presented and referred to the Committee on Political Action:

"That the Executive Committee of this Council take steps to secure memorials to the Dominion Parliament in favor of total prohibition, from representative temperance, ecclesiastical, and other representative bodies and Provincial Legislatures."

The Committee on Law Enforcement presented the following report:

REPORT ON LAW ENFORCEMENT.

"That we urge upon all County Alliances, W. C. T. U., S. of T., I. O. G. T., R. T. of T., and all Temperance Organizations, that too much attention cannot be given to Law Enforcement, and that all such organizations should make it an important part of their work to supervise, take charge of and carry on, such Law Enforcement, remembering that however good Legislation may be, it is of little practical value unless thoroughly enforced.

M. B. JEWELL, Secretary of Committee.

The report was discussed clause by clause and adopted.

The Committee on Finance presented the following report:

REPORT ON FINANCES.

TORONTO, Sept. 13th, 1889.

Your Finance Committee beg leave to report that:

We have examined the Treasurer's report, also his books and vouchers, and we find the whole to be correct, leaving a balance of $47.04 on hand. The estimated expenditure for the next twelve months will be as follows, viz.:

Cost of present meeting, about	$ 25
" printing reports	75
" Secretary's office, postages, travelling expenses, etc., about	100
Total	$200

We find that of the assessments owing at the last meeting there has been paid by Quebec Provincial Branch $100.00, and the following amounts are still unpaid:

Ontario Branch	$150
Quebec "	100
Nova Scotia Branch	55
New Brunswick "	80
P. E. I. "	35
British Columbia Branch	10
	$430

If there be no unforseen expenditure the assessments still owing will be quite sufficient for all purposes till our next meeting, but if any action be adopted in regard to the proposal for petitioning the Legislature, then a very much larger sum may be required.

Meantime we would recommend that :

The various Provincial Branches should be urged to send to the Treasurer *at once* the balances of their assessments. And that no new assessments be now made.

Also, seeing that other bodies are now represented here, it may be wise to consider at a future meeting if some plan cannot be devised so as to allow all to bear a share of the expense, which would then be a mere trifle to each.

Meantime there can be no possible objection to receiving such voluntary contributions as any friends may desire to make towards carrying on the work.

J. M. M. Duff,
Wm. H. Orr, } Com.
F. S. Spence.

The report was discussed and adopted.

The following resolution was submitted and adopted.

"That all the organizations sending representatives to this Council shall be courteously requested to contribute to the necessary working funds, and that the Executive form and promulgate an equitable plan for the same, that aggressive work may be carried on."

The Committee on the Work of the Alliance presented the following report.

"That what is most needed to complete the machinery of the Alliance is perfect county and local organization ; that County Alliances should be formed on lines similar to those on which this Council is based, being of representative delegates from temperance, religious and other organizations. That the Executive be instructed to prepare model constituencies on this basis for local county and provincial Alliances."

The report was adopted.

The Committee on Political Action presented a second report in the following terms:

"Your Committee having considered the resolution referred to them relating to petitioning, respectfully recommend that such a movement be inaugurated to take effect upon Parliament at the session of 1891. That Provincial Alliances be requested to secure memorials from their respective Local Legislatures, and that the Executive of this Council take steps to secure memorials from other representative bodies.

J. C. Aikins.

The report was adopted.

J. J. Maclaren moved, seconded by J. M. M. Duff.

"That the thanks of this Council are due and hereby tendered to Hon. Senator Vidal for his courteous and impartial services as President of this Convention."

The motion was adopted.

It was also resolved on motion that the thanks of the Council be tendered to the Toronto daily newspapers for their very full report of the Convention.

The Convention was closed at 12.30 p.m.